

## Update on Restoration of Bug Light



(L-r:) Dolly Snow Bicknell, V.P. Project Bug Light; Captain Kent Kirkpatrick, U.S. Coast Guard Commander Group Boston, and Robert McCluskey, Pres. Project Bug Light are inspecting recent work on the lighthouse, done by Project Bug Light and the U.S. Coast Guard. This is a joint effort to maintain the navigator's landmark.

The years 1995 and 1996 were banner years for Duxbury Pier Light. Aside from the yearly maintenance of scraping and painting by many volunteers, some major projects have been completed. Our local Project Bug Light Committee, composed of members from Ply-

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mouth, Kingston, Duxbury and Marshfield, has been greatly helped by the U.S. Coast Guard Group of Boston. This team was headed by Captain Greg Keichem and Commander Dan May.

In November 1995, the Coast Guard commissioned the installation of 2 new metal interior floors and a new east access ladder. In addition, a new bank of solar batteries was installed to power the light and horn.

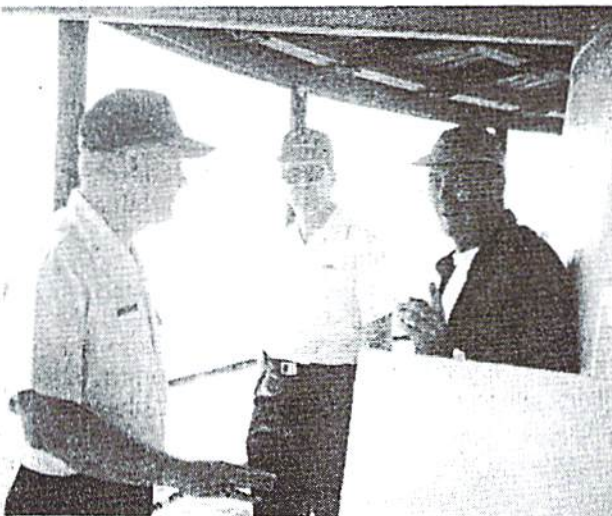
In the spring of 1996, in preparation for Bug's 125th Anniversary celebration, the entire lighthouse, inside and out, was painted. Also, a large 12-ft. seam on the south side between the 4" iron plates was repaired.

Our group has steadily gained, albeit slowly, on the 125 year old commenant guard problem by installing wire for the railing and a sound device.

We are proceeding on the next major project – the installation of a new copper roof over the catwalk as it was originally built. This will be completed either this fall or spring of 1997. Annual summer maintenance will, of course, be ongoing.

In June of this year many of you attended Bug's 125 Anniversary Party. \$17,000 was netted that evening and our goal of \$100,000 is now 85% complete. We wish to thank the people who contributed to this event, and businesses for their wonderful donations of hors d'oeuvres and auction items.

Any and all contributions are gratefully accepted. Make checks payable to Project Bug Light, Inc. and mail to P.O. Box 2167, Duxbury 02331. All contributions are fully deductible.



(L-r:) Commander Daniel R. May, U.S. Coast Guard Deputy Commander Group Boston; Captain Kent Kirkpatrick, U.S. Coast Guard Commander Group Boston, Dr. Donald M. Muirhead, Jr. Treasurer Project Bug Light. They are on Bug Light, which has been restored to good working condition.